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SUBJECT: SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE

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1. SUMMARY: SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE IN JULY 14 PRAVDA PLUS RECENT PRESS COVERAGE INDICATES VISITING ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT DEL MAY HAVE GAINED SOME SATISFACTION IN EFFORT TO GET SOVIETS TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT TO SOMALIA ON FTAI MOVES. INCREASE IN SOVIET AID PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA IS PRESAGED AND THERE IS OBLIQUE HINT THAT SOME MILITARY COOPERATION MAY BE IN OFFING. END SUMMARY.

2. SALIENT POINT VISIBLE IN COMMUNIQUE AND PRESS COVERAGE OF GROMYKO-KOSYGIN REMARKS IS EXPRESSED "COINCIDENCE OR CLOSENESS" OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEWS ON SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. COMMUNIQUE REFERS TO

IMPORTANCE OF "MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" AND GROMYKO TOLD MOGES AT LUNCHEON JULY 7 THAT DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS WOULD BE PROMOTED BY STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA AND BY FURTHERING CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS BETWEEN PEOPLES OF HORN OF AFRICA. "WE WOULD WELCOME," HE SAID, "IMPROVEMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S RELATIONS WITH ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

3. ON FTAI SPECIFICALLY, BOTH SIDES CONFIRMED IN COMMUNIQUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION OF 30TH UNGA.

4. LACK OF COMPLETE IDENTIFY OF VIEWS, HOWEVER, IS INDICATED BY PRESS AND COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE REFERRING TO "EXCHANGE OF OPINION." STILL, DESCRIBED ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS ("FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING") CLEARLY INDICATES MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER RESULTS ACHIEVED DURING VISIT.

5. FALLING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN "EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" AND "CLOSENESS OF VIEWS" WOULD BE ETHIOPIAN SIDE'S "INFORMING" SOVIETS OF ACTIONS PMAC HAD UNDERTAKEN TO "PEACEFULLY SETTLE" ERITREAN PROBLEM.

6. WE ALSO NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION JULY 13 PRAVDA CSCE-RELATED ARTICLE ON INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS WHICH MAKES SPECIFIC MENTION OF PRETENSIONS OF SOME AFRICAN STATES ON FOREIGN TERRITORY. FURTHER, JULY 11 PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" ON SOMALIA COUPLES DESCRIPTIONS OF VAST SCALE OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA WITH SUBTLE REMINDER THAT FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IS BASED ON "COMMUNITY OF POSITIONS" ON SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET-SOMALI FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

7. IN ADDITION TO COMMUNIQUE'S INDICATIONS THAT SOVIET ECONOMIC EXPERTS AND TEACHERS MIGHT BE SENT TO ETHIOPIA, REFERENCE IS MADE TO DEVELOPMENT OF TIES IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND "OTHER AREAS." GROMYKO ALSO MENTIONED CURRENT GREAT POSSIBILITY TO FILL SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND OTHER AREAS "WITH NEW, RICHER CONTENT."

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INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF FAVORABLE SOVIET RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIAN CONCERN OVER SOMALI PRESSURES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY REPETITION OF PHRASE "AND OTHER" USED IN CONTEXT OF DEVELOPING AREAS OF SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION, SINCE THIS IS OFTEN EUPHEMISM FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SOVIETS HAVE, OF COURSE, MADE REASSURING SOUNDS TO ETHIOPIANS BEFORE AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WILL ACTUALLY SAY TO SOMALIA. WHETHER DEEDS WILL FOLLOW WORDS, IN SOVIET PARLANCE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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